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CONTINUOUSLY CONNECTED IN PLURALITY OF  
STAGES IN ASYNCHRONOUS SYSTEM

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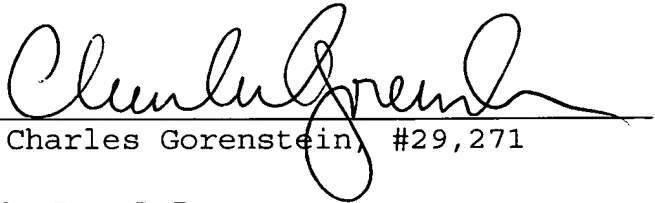
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants submit herewith a partial English language translation of the reference "Digital System Design," by Kumio Kai and Chuji Honda, which was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 24, 1998. Applicants respectfully request this Letter and its attachments be placed in the application file as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i).


A copy of the reference and a listing on Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

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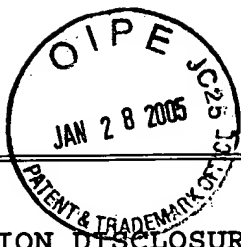
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Kumio KAI and Chuji HONDA, "Digital System Design," Published by CQ Shupansha, September 30, 1990, pp. 230-231 (partial English language translation of a Japanese document previously filed in an IDS dated August 24, 1998).

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